REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are present in this application. These claims have been subjected to restriction by the Examiner under 35 USC §1.121 as follows:

- I. Claims 1-11, drawn to a sensor composition, classified in class 435, subclass 968.
- II. Claims 12-16, drawn to a method for detecting, classified in class 435, subclass 34.
- III. Claim 17, drawn to a method for monitoring the effects of a composition on the metabolism of a microorganism, classified in class 435, subclass 29.

In order to be fully responsive to the Examiner's requirement for restriction, Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the subject matter of Group I, Claims 1-11, and reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter of the remaining claims in this application. In order to advance prosecution, Applicants cancel herewith Claims 12-17 without prejudice. Applicant also respectfully requests that the Examiner refer to the present application in all future correspondence as Attorney Docket No. "P-5434".

Furthermore, Applicant respectfully notes that the present Official Action was sent to the wrong address. A proper Declaration and Power of Attorney was filed for this application on March 8, 2002. Applicants respectfully note that all future correspondence regarding this case should be sent to:

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